

CITY OF MUSKEGON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) /
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BRA)
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

March 14, 2017

Chairperson M. Bottomley called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and roll was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heidi Sytsema, Frank Peterson, Martha Bottomley, Jeanette Moore, Mike Kleaveland, Jay Wallace, Jr. Paul Edbrooke, Mike Johnson, Ron Pesch, Don Kalisz

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Riegler, excused

STAFF PRESENT: Cathy Brubaker-Clarke, Derrick Smith, Ken Grant, Diane Renkenberger

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MINUTES

A motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of February 16 and February 28, 2017 was made by P. Edbrooke, supported by M. Johnson and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Brownfield Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reimbursement Request for Terrace Point Landing. C. Brubaker-Clarke discussed the process of TIF reimbursement. She also explained the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) benefits that were available for the Terrace Point Landing properties. The NEZ benefits phased out during the last 3 years of the term, and all would be completed by the year 2030. F. Peterson stated that tax revenue would be affected by how quickly the houses were built and what type of housing it was, such as vacation home, rental home, or primary residence.

A motion that the Brownfield TIF reimbursement request for Terrace Point Landing be approved as proposed was made by H. Sytsema and supported by J. Moore, with discussion continuing on the motion.

J. Wallace arrived at 2:39 p.m.

M. Kleaveland asked if the request had to also be approved by the City Commission. C. Brubaker-Clarke stated that it did not. Staff and board members discussed captured funds and disbursement. F. Peterson stated that staff would determine if any captured funds went to the DDA. H. Sytsema asked about the discrepancy between the original cost estimate and the lower reimbursement request. C. Brubaker-Clarke explained the lower figure and stated that she had verified the amount with Mr. Rooks' attorney.

A vote was taken on the above motion which was unanimously approved, with H. Sytsema, F. Peterson, M. Bottomley, J. Moore, M. Kleaveland, J. Wallace, Jr. P. Edbrooke, M. Johnson, R. Pesch, and D. Kalisz voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER

Former Hackley Bank building – F. Peterson provided an update on the status of this building, per M. Bottomley's request.

Amazon Building – C. Brubaker-Clarke discussed the Amazon PILOT request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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